



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Xavier FORCEVILLE et al.

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GROUP 1616

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Examiner J. Pak

USE OF SELENIUM FOR TREATING
PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM SYSTEMIC
INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE SYNDROME
(SIRS), AND COMPOSITION FOR
IMPLEMENTING THE TREATMENT

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of December 18, 2001,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

~~Cancel claims 1-22, without prejudice.~~

~~Add the following new claims:~~

~~21 SCB --23. A method for treating a patient suffering from
severe systemic inflammatory response syndrome or any state
corresponding to a severe acute attack of an inflammatory
pathology causing an exacerbation of cytokine secretion,
comprising:~~

~~administering to said patient an effective amount of a
composition comprising at least one molecule containing selenium,~~